

 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
LEONARD PITTS:
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Here's what provoked me:

Leonard Pitts once again follows up a brilliant article with one drenched in disdain, mistrust and race-baiting rhetoric. I made an attempt at contrasting his two extremes of approach. One is very insightful and helpful, while the other is racially divisive beyond measure. He can't decide who he is, I guess.

Here's my response:

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I often take exception to Leonard Pitts and his frequent race-baiting articles. Nevertheless, Pitts does a generally great job in "Normal is gone for good" (4-23) in which he is inflamed by NRA's Wayne La-Pierre who stated: "I have to tell you, eight years of one demographically symbolic president is enough." I agree - that was unhelpful and stupid - La-Pierre should be admonished!

Pitts' award-winning talent is seen in these statements: "The blazing irony is that conservatives have at least two 'demographically symbolic' candidates vying for their favor: Marco Rubio ... and Ted Cruz Here's the thing about 'demographically symbolic' presidents and candidates: They tend to function like Rorschach ink blots. Meaning that what we see in them reveals more about us than them." That's the brilliance of Leonard shining through.

Then came "Anti-government resistance beating heart of GOP" (5-13). He draws a line straight from Timothy McVeigh (Oklahoma City bombing) to the DNA of modern conservatism. He resorts to terms like "stupid," "lunatic," and "sewage" to describe conservative ideas.

I and this publication often embrace his brilliance. Then he comes up with opinions and language that wouldn't be printed in this paper if they came in a letter-to-editor.